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Independence Day Celebrations.

* 266 *Q.*—Sri V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the students in Government institutions are required to take part compulsorily in August 15th Independence Day Celebrations; and

(*b*) whether any punishment has been prescribed by the Government or the educational authorities for failure on the part of any students to take part in such celebration?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative. The Government deeply regret that such a tendentious question has been put. There is among students enough spontaneous appreciation of the political independence achieved for our country to make any such compulsion at all necessary."

Sri V. RAMA RAO:—" ఆర్యా, కృష్ణా జిల్లా, కంచికచర్ల హైస్కూలు హెడ్‌మాస్టర్, స్వతంత్ర దినోత్సవాలలో పాల్గొనలేదనే కారణంచేత 40 మంది విద్యార్థులను కొట్టినారా? దీని విషయమై విచారణ జరుపుతారా?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I shall look into the matter."

Sri T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI:—" Sir, from the answer of the Hon. Minister do I gather that wantonly not taking part in the Independence Day celebrations is not construed as disloyalty to the nation?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I have only stated that the Government will look into the matter because a specific instance is sought to be brought to the notice of the Government."

Toddy tappers and workers thrown out of employment in Malabar.

* 267 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many toddy tappers and workers were thrown out of employment in Malabar on account of Prohibition; how many of them were given work by the Government; and whether the Government got any memorandum in this connexion from the Chirakkal Taluk Toddy Tappers' Union?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The number of toddy tappers thrown out of employment in Malabar on account of Prohibition is 28,489. The number of ex-tappers provided with employment so far is 22,275—A memorandum from the Chirakkal Toddy Tappers' Union on this subject was received by the Government."

2-30 p.m. Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to

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grant permission to the ex-toddy tappers of Malabar to tap sweet toddy without any restrictions? Or, will the Government be pleased to give unemployment relief to the ex-toddy tappers who are having no work nowadays and are suffering much on account of Prohibition?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"As regards the first part of the supplementary question, the matter is not under the consideration of the Government. As regards the second part, the question of giving relief to the unemployed ex-tappers is being considered by the Government and, as has been stated in the answer to the primary question, a large number of them have been employed, and the Government will still try their level best to give employment to those who are unemployed."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"The Hon. Minister was telling us that no permission was given to the ex-toddy tappers to tap sweet toddy. In such an event, are the Government aware of the possibility that they will be only driving them to engage themselves in illicit distillation, because they are not doling out any reliefs or giving them any employment?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"I am afraid it is only an assumption on the part of the hon. Gentleman."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"Sweet toddy ఆరోగ్యానికి చాలా మంచిదని ఇక్కడ ఉన్నటువంటి డాక్టర్ల యొక్క అభిప్రాయము గదా? అట్లాంటప్పుడు sweet toddy manufacture చేయటానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఎందుకు ఆటంకపరుస్తుంది."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"I think the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will come to my help."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—"The question is this. Government experts are of the opinion that *nira* is beneficial to health. If that is so, how is it that the Government do not extend this concession to all the districts?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"The Government are aware of the food value of *nira*, but they want to extend this concession gradually and with caution."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—"Will the Government give waste lands to the toddy tappers and grant educational concessions to their children?"

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—"With reference to the answer given by the Hon. Minister to a supplementary question, may I know what the standards for the gradualness and caution (referred to by the Hon. Minister) are and when the demands of the ex-tappers throughout the State will be satisfied?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The discussion is carried on as if we introduced Prohibition only last week.

Prohibition was introduced long, long ago and things have settled down, and the present Opposition is unsettling everything.''

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that yesterday and to-day certain people waited in deputation on him about this question? It is not an old matter, it is a pending matter, it is a very serious matter."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is an old matter, but the deputation came through the Opposition Members yesterday." (Laughter.)

Payment of salary to the menial staff of Ranee's Girls' High School, Pudukkottai.

* 268 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state when the salary of each month is paid to the menial staff of the Ranee's Girls' High School, Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli Division, and whether there is inordinate delay in such payment?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The wages are normally disbursed before the 15th of each month. There was some delay in the payment of wages to the menial staff in August 1952. The delay was for about a fortnight and was due to the delay in the receipt of the bill with the countersignature of Inspectress."

Honorary bench courts.

* 269 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to abolish the honorary bench courts in the State?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No such proposal is now under consideration of Government."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" ఆర్యా, అనేక చోట్ల బెంచి మేజిస్ట్రేట్లుగా ఉన్నవారిలో రాజకీయ పార్టీలకు సంబంధించినవారు కూడా ఉన్నారు. అందులో ముఖ్యంగా కాంగ్రెసు పార్టీవారు, పెద్దపెద్ద bosses అనిపించుకునేవారు కూడా బెంచి మేజిస్ట్రేట్లుగా వున్నందున చాలా అన్యాయం జరుగుచున్నది. అందువల్ల యీ రాజకీయ పార్టీలలోని వారు బెంచి మేజిస్ట్రేట్లుగా ఉండవచ్చునా? అటువంటివారు ఉండడముచేత కేసులలో అన్యాయాలు జరుగుతూఉన్నందున యీ honorary bench courts తక్షణం తీస్తారా ?"

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" గుంటూరు జిల్లాలోని Bar Association నుంచి యీ Honorary Bench Courts ను abolish చేయమని resolution పంపారు. ఇంకను యీ కేసుల విషయములలో యీ Magistrates outside influences లకు లోబడడమువల్ల వారి యిచ్చే తీర్పులలో న్యాయమైన తీర్పులు ప్రజలు గౌరవించ దగిన తీర్పులు యివ్వలేకుండా పోతున్నారు. ఇట్లా చేయడమువల్ల ఒక స్వల్పమైన కేసు సుమారు పదకొండు మాసాల వరకు జరిపారు. స్వల్ప కేసులలో కూడా